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In re application of: John F. Acres

TC 3700 MAIL ROOM

Serial No. 09/104,145

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Group Art Unit:

3713

For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR IMPLEMENTING IN VIDEO  
A SECONDARY GAME RESPONSIVE TO PLAYER INTERACTION  
WITH A PRIMARY GAME**

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Responsive to the Office Action dated August 28, 2001, enclosed is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Responsive to the Office Action, dated August 28, 2001, please amend the application  
as follows.

**In The Claims**

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Once Amended) A method for operating a group of gaming machines  
interconnected by a network comprising the steps of:

allowing play to simultaneously occur on the gaming machines, each of said gaming  
machines having a primary game associated therewith;

detecting a triggering event;

initiating a single secondary game from one of the gaming machines after the occurrence  
of the triggering event, said single secondary game being common to the group of gaming  
machines and resulting in an outcome; and

paying a first bonus responsive to the outcome of the secondary game.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of detecting a triggering event  
comprises:

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